

# Minutes of meeting

# **LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)**

**Date:** Thursday 18 February 2010

**Time:** 6.30 PM

Place: West End Sports Pavillion

# **Members present:**

# **Surrey County Council [6]**

Cllr Bill Chapman (Camberley East)

Cllr Denis Fuller (Camberley West)

Cllr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)

Cllr Stuart MacLeod (Windlesham, Bagshot & Lightwater)

Cllr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green, Mytchett & Deepcut)

Cllr Lavinia Sealy (Chobham, Bisley & West End)

# **Surrey Heath Borough Council [4]**

Cllr Paul Ilnicki Cllr Edward Hawkins Cllr David Whitcroft Cllr Wynne Price

All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.

The meeting was preceded by an Open Public Question Time. The notes are in Annex A.

#### Part 1. In Public - Part A.

#### 01/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Richard Brooks, Vivienne Chapman and Colin Dougan

#### 02/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 15 October 2009.

Minutes agreed subject to the amendment of 48/09 Minutes of the last meeting (15 Oct 09). Amendment to reflect the correction of sections 35/09 and 36/09 of the minutes of July 09. Corrections detailed in Annex B

A revised copy of the minutes for July 09 will be added to the minute book.

#### 03/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 04/10 PETITIONS

None

#### 05/10 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

#### 06/10 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

#### 07/10 MEMBER'S ALLOCATIONS 2009 / 10

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

- 1. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 20-46, with the exception of para 34 which was agreed in principle subject to confirmation that there is not a business interest.
- 2. Noted the summary of allocations in Annex A
- 3. Noted the allocations agreed under delegated powers in Annex C

#### Item 7b - Tabled - Climate Change Fund

The funding is from the 09/10 budget and will be available to spend in 10/11. Bid attached as Annex C.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee agreed to submit the bid attached as Annex 1 as its application to the Climate Change Fund.

#### 08/10 YOUTH PLAN

Presented by Garath Symonds, SCC, Head of Services for Young People.

Mr Symonds confirmed that the service is not looking at cutting frontline services in the Youth Development Service (YDS). The driver is to improve outcomes for young people and also save costs (£1.8m in 10/11 and a total of £6m by 13/14). The YDS are moving to a commissioning model and assigning resources to need and are seeking feedback from Local Committees and thoughts on what young people in the area need. Mr Symonds confirmed the ages that the YDS work with as 13-19 and not 10-19 as in the report.

The YDS needs to do both targeted work and universal work. Local Committees and local people will be given more of a say. The YDS will be looking at charitable organisations and how to work better with them. This may be commissioning them to provide activities. Commissioning does not mean contracting.

The YDS network with Parish Councils, young people want a service and are not worried about who provides that. We need to support and grow capacity and look at how we best use buildings in the community. The YDS are also committed to looking at the bureaucracy surrounding CRB checks whilst ensuring safeguarding.

Buildings are seen by the YDS as a key area of conflict and there is a need to look at the social return of investing in buildings. There will be a conference held in the future for community leaders and officers to look at the needs of youth clubs and possible asset transfers.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee:

- 1. approved the Youth Development Service component of the Services for Young People Delivery Plan 2010/11.
- 2. noted the transformation strategy for young people.

#### FOR INFORMATION ONLY

#### 09/10 DRIVE SMART

Presented by Supt. Rachel Tills and Sgt. Mark Bridge.

Insp. James Norbury will be coming to a future Local Committee to talk about the Borough Problem Profile. There is a drive smart website set up for the public at <a href="https://www.drivesmartsurrey.org.uk">www.drivesmartsurrey.org.uk</a>. PCSOs will not have the power to issue parking tickets, that remains with the Borough Council. Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) can be placed where there are problems, these problems can be raised at panel meetings or directly to local officers. Police officers will deal with obstructive parking.

This report was for information only.

### 10/10 AIRTRACK

Presented by Iain Reeve

Officers will endeavour to contact Local Committee Chairmen if there are significant developments with any of the issues in the report. British Airways have significant funds invested in this project and so it will probably be going forward.

This report was for information only.

#### 11/10 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

This report was for information only.

Part B – Transportation.

12/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
As in 01/10.

#### 13/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

# **14/10 PETITIONS**

None

#### 15/10 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Two received, detailed in Annex D.

#### **16/10 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS**

One received, detailed in Annex E.

### 17/10 09/10 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Ian Haller will speak to Wayne Purdon to progress the work at Gordon's School.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee:

- 1. noted the current budget position for 2010/11 in respect of the Capital budget for integrated transport schemes.
- 2. agreed the proposals for budget expenditure for the remainder of 2009/10 as set out in paragraphs 5, 6 & 7 of the report.

### Executive Items For Information Only

# **18/10 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE – MONITORING REPORT** This report was for information only.

#### 19/10 PETITION RESPONSE - PARTRIDGE CLOSE RESIDENTS PARKING

This report was for information only.

#### 20/10 RED ROAD/THE MAULTWAY SPEED LIMIT AMENDEMENTS

This report was for information only.

# 21/10 WARBURY LANE, WOKING.

This report was for information only.

# 22/10 CHOBHAM ROAD, FRIMLEY

This report was for information only.

#### 23/10 A30 LONDON ROAD YORKTOWN

Verbal Update From Ian Haller, No Report, for information only.

Following consultation with local business work will start on site tonight (18/02/10) and will take 5 weeks to complete. The statutory undertakers diversions costs have been reduced significantly.

#### 24/10 FORWARD PLAN

This report was for information only.

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# Open Public Question Time notes. Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Surrey Heath) 18 February 2010, West End Sports Pavillion.

# 1. Mr Bain, West End

Surrey County Council is a remote organisation. I am being ignored and I am fed up. I wrote to Andrew Povey on 26/10/09 and got a reply on 28/10/09 to say my letter had been received. I have been ringing since then but have not had a response. I do not believe they have a copy of the letter.

# Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Lavinia and I will get a response for you. This is most unusual but we are seeing Andrew Povey next week and will talk to him then.

# Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

Please send me a copy of the letter and I will take this forward.

# 2. David Mansfield, Bisley Parish Council

We welcome the review of bus services. Are you minded of the intake to schools in 2011? What do SCC have in place? There is also concern that faith schools provide free transport – it's not a level playing field.

#### Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We have had discussions, Members are aware and are looking at these issues. We cannot afford the level of subsidy currently given to buses.

# Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

The Surrey Heath review is not until 2011 but we need to look at this now. We have had a local meeting with officers and parents but we do need to consult on this further.

#### Reply from Iain Reeve, Head of Transport for Surrey

Over 3,000 responses have been received and I will ensure your comments are included. Members are faced with having to make tough decisions. There will be a review of faith schools in the next 6 months.

#### 3. Tim Dodds, Lightwater

The junction of Red Road and Lightwater Road is dangerous. Is Highways considering lowering the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph? Can we have a VAS saying 30 mph?

#### Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We will look into finding a temporary VAS for this location. If you feel it meets the criteria for a lower speed limit please put the case to us.

# Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

Direct concerns should be reported to Surrey Police through the new DriveSmart initiative. Residents may wish to start up a community speedwatch, to do this please contact Surrey Police.

# 4. Nathan and Sam, Bisley Youth Council

We are a group of 14 young people who work with the Parish Council. We are seeking funding for the Bisley Youth Olympics, people from all over the borough attend this.

# Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Please talk to Lavinia Sealy about Members Allocations and to the Mayor about the Mayor's fund.

# Reply from Edward Hawkins, Borough Councillor.

Please also talk to your local Borough Members as there may be funds available in the community fund and the green fund.

# 5. Cllr Craig Fennell, Surrey Heath Borough Council

The Camberley News on 8<sup>th</sup> January 10, says lessons have been learnt about the gritting. What was learnt and have lessons been put into practice? On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 residents were unable to get over the bridge by North Camp railway station to the A331, also the A30 was impassable, but only the Surrey section. Why was this and what can be done in future?

# Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Roads have to be prioritized – heavy use, access to A&E, major bus routes and roads passing through major shopping areas. The A30 was gritted three times on the night in question at 7pm, 9pm and 11pm. We were limited as central Government restricted salt use.

# Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

The B3411 route through Mytchett & Frimley Green has now been added to the list of 'A' roads and specials for precautionary salting reclassified.

#### Reply from Chris Pitt, County Councillor.

Thanks to Ian and his team for their work during the snow and in particular for getting B3411 added to the 'A' roads and specials precautionary salting routes

#### 6. Mr Emmerson, Bagshot

Does SCC have a contingency plan that can be activated in the event of severe weather?

# Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Yes, Cllr Sealy is looking at this at a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March looking at how SCC coped.

# 7. Valarie White,

At Connaught Park there is only one way in and one way out. Can we have the salt bins filled more often?

#### Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Yes, and hopefully we will be able to get more. Thanks to Borough staff who gritted the high street and Frimley Park Hospital. A review needs to happen quickly whilst it is still fresh in people's minds.

# Reply from David Whitcroft, Borough Councillor.

The Leaders of SHBC has expressed an interest in a multi-agency meeting to look at how we all coped.

# Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

They are only being half filled to preserve salt stocks. Currently we only have enough salt for 84 runs on 'A' roads and specialsroutes and 27 runs if the priority 1 routes were done across the West of Surrey.

# Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

There is a joint scrutiny committee to look at this on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Do people find it easy to use the salt bins? We need to make sure it is used correctly by all and not just used by one person.

#### Reply from Stuart MacLeod Sealy, County Councillor.

The County's review will also look at how Borough and Parish Councils can assist.

#### 8. Cyril Pavey, Camberley

St Michael's Mosque

# Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

SCC have no input, this is a Borough Council matter.

# 9. Cyril Pavey, Camberley

When it is snowy, pedestrians should be able to walk in the road if the road is clear but the footpaths icy and dangerous.

# Reply from Iain Reeve, Head of Transport for Surrey

This would require national legislation and a change to the Highway Code. This is not something we can take on but I will reflect your views on up.

# Corrections to minutes of July 2009. Replacement sections 35/09 and 36/09

**35/09** APPLICATION FOR A MAP MODIFICATION ORDER TO DELETE PUBLIC FOOTPATH 185 (WINDLESHAM) FROM THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

There were two speakers to this item.

## 1. Mr L Trice, local resident and applicant

The plot "Silverland" was described in the Enclosure Act of 1813 and is clearly defined with a bank and ditch. Photographs show fencing in 1930 and in 1953. This was replaced in 1973 by Bagshot Rural District Council. Surrey Heath Borough Council admitted an act of trespass in 1994. There was also trespass in 1974 when the M3 motorway contractors alleviated flooding by excavating a gulley. In 1985 SHBC placed a stile over the gully. In conclusion, there has never been free access across the area, those who claim were mislead by "the boundary fence" being misinterpreted as part of the country park.

2. Mr Simon Tofts, Senior Planner of CSJ Planning Consultants Ltd based in Bristol. I act on behalf of Shepperton Builders who are landowners of the site on which this footpath crosses. Officers consider that rights continue to be recognised over the route. My client contends with this assertion. They have submitted evidence which clearly shows that the right of way should be downgraded or deleted including photographic evidence. Furthermore there is evidence to suggest that there are serious doubts that the footpath has been in continuous use for a full period of 20 years between 1961 and 1981.

The key matter to consider when determining the Order is has the footpath been in continual use for twenty years between the previously mentioned dates. Firstly in 1967 the land was fenced off by the landowner. Photographs have been previously submitted to demonstrate this. In addition between 1971 and 1972 a gulley was formed when the M3 was constructed. In 1976, aerial photographs previously submitted demonstrated that a post and rail fence was erected between the Country Park and my clients land. It was not until 1985 that a stile was erected. Finally in 1996 the fence which had been in place since 1967 was replaced.

Whilst I am aware of the previous cases presented by supporters of the Order, it is important to remember that local residents and Ramblers have a choice of other footpaths to utilise between High View Road and the Country Park. As a consequence I therefore urge you to refute the Officer's recommendation that the application should be rejected and that the Order should be made, as applied for.

The report was presented by Daniel Williams, Countryside Legal Officer. An addendum was tabled and is included as Annex B to these minutes. Mr Williams reminded Members that they could only consider evidence from between 1961 and 1981.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed that:

- 1. Public footpath rights continue to be recognised over the route A-B-C on drawing 3/1/83/H11 and that the application for a MMO under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the deletion of footpath 185 (Windlesham) is not approved.
- 2. In the event of the County Council being directed to make a MMO by the Secretary of State following an appeal by the claimant, the County Council as surveying authority will adopt a neutral stance at any public inquiry, making all evidence available to help the inspector to determine the case.

# **36/09** ALLEGED PUBLIC BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOAT) ALONG HIGH VIEW ROAD, WINDLESHAM

There were two speakers to this item.

### 1. Mr L Trice, local resident and applicant

The Windlesham Urban District minute book (1929) states that a motor lorry and fire engine gained access to Bagshot Heath via this road. The same book for 1956 reported on consultations with County Highways. So, SCC were aware of the road then and it was subject to bye laws. I have given Mr Williams many maps including one from 1846 which clearly shows the road. Curley Hill was a source of sand and gravel for road construction and was collected by vehicles.

#### 2. Mr Arliss, local resident.

Firstly I would like to thank Mr Williams for all his work on this. Until quite recently the evidence would have been considered sufficient to show that BOAT rights had been aquired over High View Road. However, the recent change in legislation has inadvertently brushed aside common sense. High View Road should be open to all traffic, it has been used by MVP since well before 1920. Houses to the North of the road do not have access rights in their deeds, nor do the older houses to the south. The Police also have difficulty interpreting the law, they do not consider it to be covered by highway law and as such cannot move on unlicensed motor cycles and youth who drive up Curley to consume alcohol and drugs and then drive back onto the public highway.

The report was presented by Daniel Williams, Countryside Legal Officer Other available footpaths are not permitted to be considered in the evidence. Cllr Stuart MacLeod declared a personal interest as a Windlesham Parish Councillor.

The meeting was adjourned from 8.43pm until 8.53pm.

Surrey County Council are supposed to deal with Sch 14 applications such as this within 12 months of receipt. If a decision has not been made within 12 months, the applicant can appeal and the Secretary of State will direct SCC to make a decision within an allotted time period. Although the application is out of time the Committee may still decide on this as any direction from the Secretary of State would be unlikely to come through before the next committee meeting in October. If the Committee were minded to agree the officer recommendations, the applicant could take this to the Secretary of State but an appeal would probably not be heard before the next Local Committee meeting in October 2009.

#### **RESOLVED**

This item was deferred to the next Local Committee meeting.

# Local Committees Climate Change Fund

# **Application Fund**

Closing date for this fund: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Contact details	Help Notes
Q1 Name of Local Committee: Surrey Heath	The name of the Local Committee submitting the bid
Q2	
Name and position held in the organisation:	
Title: Mrs	
First Name: Hilary	
Surname: McKay	
Position held in the organisation: Head	This is the person we will
Contact address: Heatheridge school, Martindale avenue, Camberley	contact if we need information about this application
Post code: GU15	
Telephone: 01276 24918	
Fax:	
E-mail: head@heather-ridge.surrey.sch.uk	
What are you seeking funding for?	
Q3 Provide the name and contact details of the organization that will receive the funding	
As above	
Q4 Describe the project or activities you are seeking funding for	Briefly describe the proposed
Surfacing of a poolside area (as per photos) with a surface made from recycled tyres. (Tiger Mulch)	actions and the activities that will be undertaken
Q5 What outcomes and outputs will you be aiming to achieve through these main functions and how do they help SCC achieve its priorities? Please also say if you are working with any SCC service and the named contact(s).  An eco friendly area for primary school children.	An outcome is the direct difference your project will make. The outcomes and quantifiable outputs you specify will form part of our funding agreement with you.
Q6 How will you measure your success in carrying out the activities and achieving the outcomes you have set out above?  The success is measured in practicality of providing a suitable area for the school children	We don't want to create reporting burdens so do keep systems simple, realistic and informative. If you measure your success for other funders - could some of that information be used by us
	too?

The project could commence within 2-3 months of financial approval					pe requiring a brief y update on s and these es will form the that update	
Q8 Who are your key partners – and what type of relationship do you have? (eg strategic planning, collaborative working, community development, funding, service delivery)  School governors					Please list the partner organisations you are working with and their involvement in the project.	
Financial Question	S					
Q9 How much are you applying for in 2010-11?					This should be the total amount of money you are asking from SCC in 2010-	
£7850.00 <b>2011.</b>						
Q10 How will this funding help the project or initiative? What are the implications of not receiving the funding you have requested from SCC? What are the implications of receiving part of the funding you have requested from SCC? (Please keep answer brief)  The project is totally reliant on the above funding.				For example it may enable greater security, longer term planning, or to carry on providing a service that benefits other organisations and communities		
Q11 Has the project received financial support from any part SCC (including Local Committee allocations) in the last 2 years? If yes, please give brief details. No  This information helps SCC to continue to monitor its support to						
Name of Funding	Name of Manager	Amount	When		Surrey organisations and promote collaboration between departments.	
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Completing this form does not guarantee success when applying for funding
All successful projects will be required to complete an evaluation form outlining the outcomes of the project

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained within this Application Form and the enclosed supporting documentation is accurate.

Cllr David Ivison

Surrey County Councillor for Heatherside and

Parkside

Organisations and Status:

Signature:

Date: 15.02.10

Office Use			
Grant Programme title: Local Committees Climate Change Fund			
Date received and who by:	All documents attached:		

#### 1. James Osbourn, The Chobham Society.

The Chobham to Knaphill road (Guildford Road / Chobham Road ) is dangerous. The County's own accident figures show 13 involving injury in the last 3 years. Locals know that these figures are only the tip of the iceberg. Over Christmas the police have resorted to closing the road on numerous occasions as it became too dangerous

The road's shortcomings are obvious, the bends are dangerous with adverse camber, the hedges are overgrown restricting the view round the bends, particularly at the dangerous junctions with Carthouse Lane and Barrs Lane. The situation is made worse because there are no effective ditches water runs off the fields onto the road, and then freezes, as much of the road seems to be in a frost pocket.

Despite these known problems since well before Christmas the road seems to have be left out of the gritting schedule and as a result there were more accidents than usual. Plainly the road is inadequate for the amount of traffic it now takes and some radical improvement work is needed. In the interim a man with a shovel and some hedge cutting gear, could improve ditches to deal with the surface water drainage, and cut back the hedges, particularly at junctions, in order to help sight lines.

When can we expect to see some remedial action to help avoid further accidents?

# Response from Ian Haller

The letter from the Chobham Society has been referred to the Woking team of Surrey Highways as the issues raised are in the Borough of Woking. The Local Highway Manager for Woking is investigating these and will respond directly to the Chobham Society in due course. A public question was also asked at the Woking Local Committee on 3rd February 2010 raising similar issues.

More recently there was water discharging on to the highway in Castle Grove Road as a result of a damaged Thames Water sewer in an adjacent field, this has recently been rectified by TW.

# 2. Mrs Diane Beach, Assistant Bridleways Officer, British Horse Society

At the last meeting of the Local Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Item 22 raised the proposal of installing cattle grids on three roads which cross or border Chobham Common, to assist Surrey Wildlife Trust with the management of the common. The Officer Recommendations were accepted which included an agreement to conduct a consultation on the proposals.

In December 2009 the Surrey Wildlife Trust produced new draft proposals for the management of the common using temporary electric fencing. These proposals do not include cattle grids. Could the Committee please confirm that since there is now no requirement for cattle grids, the consultation will not take place?

# Response from Ian Haller

Surrey Wildlife Trust are continuing consultation on a number of options as part of their management of the Common. The use of Cattle Grids, as an option, remains and Surrey Highways will still consult on this issue as agreed previously by the Committee. This will not be before April 2010 and will be at an agreed time with the Trust.

Item 16 – Written Member Questions from Cllr Vivienne Chapman.

The County Council will be aware of the Motion approved by the Borough Council on 14th October 2009.

- "This Council notes with regret and sadness the tragic deaths of three people on 31st August in a traffic collision on the A322 Lightwater bypass, believed to have been caused by a vehicle crossing the central reservation and hitting a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction."
- "This council asks that Surrey County Council and the Surrey Heath Local Committee support an early review of the priority listing of this stretch of the road with regard to the erection of central safety barriers."

A fourth person later died from the injuries received. Could Ian Haller, County Highways Manager, confirm that a review of the priority list has been undertaken following this fatal accident and advise me of the priority now given to the installation of safety barriers on this road?

Could you please also advise me of when it is now anticipated these works will be completed?

In the event that these works will not be commenced shortly, will the County Council give urgent consideration to lowering the speed limit on this road to reduce the risk of accidents in the future?

#### **Response from Ian Haller**

Prior to the incident on 31 August, a section of the A322 south of the M3 was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in the county (in terms of casualties and collisions respectively). This section is between public footpath no. 34 to the southern section of C5 Guildford Road. Other sections of the A322 to the south of the M3 are ranked 20<sup>th</sup> and below. A recent review of the prioritisation, taking account the most recent collisions has raised the site from 11<sup>th</sup> position to 9<sup>th</sup> (in terms of collisions) and from 12<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> (in terms of casualties) and reflects that there are sites with a higher casualty rate per kilometre elsewhere within the county. Once the Surrey casualty data for the whole of 2009 becomes available, which is likely to be April 2010, a further review of the casualty data for 2007 - 2009 will be undertaken.

The current programme for 2010/11 does not include any length of the Lightwater Bypass and the decision for inclusion in the 2011/12 programme will not be made until October 2010.

There are currently no proposals to alter the speed limit along the Lightwater Bypass as this measure alone would not necessarily prevent cross-over collisions. Representatives from Surrey Highways and Surrey Police have discussed the provision of a raised ribbed marking on the offside of each carriageway of the bypass which would help raise the awareness to drivers, veering toward the central reservation. There is an item on the agenda which seeks approval of funding to allow this measure to be implemented.